(iv) Publication of monographs on Indian medicinal plants, Intra-mural and extra-mural research on Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy by AYUSH Research councils.

(v) Publication of Ayurveda/Siddha/Unani/Homoeopathy Pharmacopoeias/Formularies.

(vi) Assistance to 26 States for upgradation of their AYUSH Drug Testing Laboratories.

(vii) Publication of monographs on Indian medicinal plants, intra-mural and extra-mural research on Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy by AYUSH research councils.

Bio-medical waste units

†505. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to adopt proper measure for the disposal of bio-medical waste in all the Government hospitals of the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) Disposal of Bio-medical waste in hospitals is governed by Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 which are binding on all hospitals in the country. In so far as Central Government Hospitals are concerned, they are following these rules. The hospital waste is segregated and collected in the colour coded scheme bags at the collection sites in the wards/units and all hospital premises. These bags are sent to the bio-medical waste plant for further disposal through incinerators/shredders etc. as per requirement for various kind of wastes. Emissions from these incinerators are regularly checked. The authorities from Central/State Pollution Control Boards also visit the hospitals periodically, and wherever required, interact for action with the concerned officers.

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In all Central Government Hospitals Bio-Medical Waste Management Committees are set up and keep a watch over the disposal of bio-medical wastes as per requirement of the Rules.

Referring of poor patients to private hospitals by Safdarjung Hospital

†506. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has given directions to hospitals on the 15th November, 2002 to admit 20 per cent poor patients;

(b) whether the poor patients are referred to private hospitals by Safdarjung Hospital as per the directions of the Delhi High Court; and

(c) if so, the number of patients referred by Safdarjung Hospital during the last three years as on date, year-wise and private hospital-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) Safdarjung Hospital is referring poor patients to private hospitals with reserved bed for poor patients as per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi. List of patients referred to such hospitals is enclosed as per Statement.

Statement

Number of poor patients referred to private hospitals by Safdarjung Hospital during last three years

Name of the Private Hospital	Number of patients referred		
	2004	2005	2006
National Heart Institute, East of Kailash, Delhi	Four	One	None
Dharamshila Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Vasundhra Enclave, Delhi	None	Three	None

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